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SUBJ: TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 6218; (B) LONDON 12714

1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO A PARTICIPANT IN THE EC'S  
113 COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 7, THERE WAS AGREE-  
MENT THAT HIJZEN SHOULD (A) SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF THE  
PROJECTED NOVEMBER 19 MEETING ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS;  
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(B) EXPLORE INFORMALLY WITH THE EC'S MAJOR PARTNERS'

POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO OVERCOME THE TNC DISPUTE;  
AND (C) REPORT BACK TO THE NEXT 113 COMMITTEE  
MEETING ON NOVEMBER 22. FRANCE (SUPPORTED BY  
BELGIUM) HELD OUT FOR A TOUGH POSITION AGAINST AT-  
TEMPTS BY OTHER MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION TO  
FIND SOME COMPROMISE SOLUTION WITH THE US ON  
AGRICULTURE IN THE TNC COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. COMMENT:  
IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE 113 COMMITTEE'S  
DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE BEFORE NEWS HAD BEEN RECEIVED  
OF THE DELAY IN ACTION ON THE TRADE BILL. END  
SUMMARY.

2. A PARTICIPANT IN THE NOVEMBER 7 ARTICLE 113  
COMMITTEE MEETING HAS BRIEFED US IN CONFIDENCE  
ON THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TNC. THE HIGHLIGHT OF  
A TWO-HOUR DEBATE WAS DE MOREL'S PRESENTATION OF  
THE FRENCH VIEW. HE INDICATED THAT THE US WAS, IN  
EFFECT, TRYING TO GO BACK ON THE TOKYO AGREEMENT  
REGARDING THE SPECIAL POSITION OF AGRICULTURE IN THE  
MTN. DE MOREL ARGUED THAT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO COM-  
PROMISE ON THIS ISSUE OR TO ATTEND A MEETING UNDER  
TNC AUSPICES ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL  
IT IS SETTLED, WOULD COMPROMISE THE COMMUNITY'S  
OVERALL POSITION. THEREFORE, IF THERE WERE TO BE  
A MEETING, FRANCE WOULD AGREE THE COMMUNITY SHOULD  
ATTEND ONLY IF THE PURPOSE WERE TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE  
ON AGRICULTURE.

3. WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTION OF STUYK (BELGIAN) WHO  
SUPPORTED DE MOREL, AND THE OTHER MEMBER STATES FAVORED,  
OR WOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH, EFFORTS  
TO FIND A COMPROMISE PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY TO  
ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 19 DATE.

4. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HIJZEN SUGGESTED -- AND  
THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE ACCEPTED -- THE FOLLOWING  
APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM: (A) HIJZEN WOULD TALK WITH  
AGATT DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG AND SEEK TO HAVE THE  
NOVEMBER 19 MEETING POSTPONED AS QUIETLY AND GRACEFULLY  
AS POSSIBLE; (B) HIJZEN WOULD ALSO UNDERTAKE INFORMAL  
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EXPLORATION OF THE PROBLEM WITH THE COMMUNITY'S MAIN  
TRADING PARTNERS; AND (C) HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO THE  
113 COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 22.

5. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE DISCUSSION TOOK  
PLACE BEFORE NEWS WAS RECEIVED IN BRUSSELS OF THE POST-  
PONEMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE TRADE BILL.  
OUR SOURCES SPECULATED THAT THE COMMUNITY IS LIKELY

TO CONCLUDE THAT THE US ACTION REDUCES THE NEED FOR  
EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE TNC DISPUTE.GREENWALD

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